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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: DPRK AND ROK DELS VISIT SUDAN

1. DPRK VISIT. THREE-MAN DPRK DELEGATION WHICH RECEIVED MINIMAL PUBLICITY VISITED KHARTOUM JULY 24-26. ACCORDING FONOFF SOURCES, MAIN TOPIC OF DISCUSSION WAS KOREAN QUESTION AT NEXT UNGA. DPRK POSITION AS EXPRESSED TO SUDANESE IS (A) FURTHER DEFERRAL OF DEBATE ON KOREAN ENTRY INAPPROPRIATE AS UNIFICATION TALKS HAVE NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL DUE TO ROK BAD FAITH AND INTRANSIGENCE, (B) UNGA DEBATE MAY SPUR ROK TO CONSIDER DPRK PROPOSALS SERIOUSLY, AND (C) ENTRY TO UN SHOULD AWAIT CONFEDERATION. GOS AVOIDED MAKING FULL COMMITMENT TO DPRK VIEWS IN ADVANCE (PERHAPS BECAUSE OF PENDING CONTACT WITH ROK), BUT LITTLE DOUBT IT WOULD SUPPORT DPRK POSITION IF MATTER BROUGHT TO UNGA VOTE.

2. ROK VISIT (CAIRO 2283). FONOFF ALSO NOTED ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS THAT ROK CONSUL-GENERAL CAIRO (WITH PERSONAL RANK OF AMBASSADOR) WILL VISIT KHARTOUM WITH SEVERAL AIDES AUGUST 4-11. THIS WILL BE FIRST GOS-ROK CONTACT UNDER NIMAIRI GOVERNMENT. DISCUSSIONS WILL BE ECONOMIC AND CONCERN POSSIBLE ROK PURCHASE OF SUDANESE COTTON. ROK CONGEN'S WRITTEN REQUEST THAT
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VISIT ALSO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSION OF POLITICAL

TOPICS REFUSED BY GOS WHICH SCHEDULING ONLY ECONOMIC
APPOINTMENTS. FONOFF THUS UNSURE WHETHER ROK REP
WILL STAY THE ENTIRE WEEK. HE ADDED DPRK EMBASSY
AWARE OF VISIT (WHICH MAY HAVE PRECIPITATED LAST WEEK'S
DPRK DEL), BUT IS TOLERATING IT. FRITTS

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